

Partnerships for Youth Transition



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WHO will this project serve?

Target Population: Clark County residents 14-21 years of age:

- *Who are living in or are at imminent risk of out-of home placement.*
- *Who have at least one DSM-IV diagnosis that prevents them from functioning in family, school, and/or community. (This condition must be of 12 months duration, or, on the basis of diagnosis, be expected to last for at least 12 months.)*
- *Who consent to treatment and (if under the age of legal consent) whose parents/guardians consent to treatment.*



*WHY is this needed in Clark
County?*

Major challenges identified in Clark County

- *High incidence of substance abuse*
- *Difficulties staying in school*
 - *30% of youth in SA programs are not enrolled in school at time of admission.*
- *Few housing options*
- *Significant service gaps*
- *Split between child and adult services*

Current System Strengths

- *Individualized and Tailored Care philosophy.*
- *Capacity in every mandated service delivery area.*
- *Clark County's Children's Community of Care Advisory Council.*
- *Well established evaluation & quality assurance processes.*
- *Powerful & flexible management information system.*

Best Practice/Program Models

Part of the Strategic Planning Process was to look at each program model in detail in order to make a decision about which model/models would be adopted in our community.

The following two models were proposed for consideration:

Transition to Independence Process (TIP) System

- *Developed by Hewitt B. Clark, Ph.D.*
- *Philosophy is consistent with the model of ITC that underlies the County's fundamental approach to service delivery.*
- *Youth/young adult is the team lead.*
- *More focus on personal goals in education, employment, housing and community participation.*

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

- *Pioneered by Dan Bridgeo in Columbus, Ohio.*
- *Used for adults with serious mental illness in Clark County.*
- *Appropriate for youth with the most intense needs.*
- *Bridge to adult services for young adults with the most intense needs.*

Blending the Models

The blending of both TIP and ACT into the current service delivery system should increase the effectiveness and success of addressing the needs of youth/young adults with emotional and behavioral disorders.

Program Components

- *Use of Transition Facilitators*
- *Enhance the PACT team with a Child/Adolescent Specialist.*
- *Use of Peer Mentors/Supporters*
- *Community & provider education*
- *Targeted education and support for families*
- *A community based strategic planning process*
- *An infrastructure that can identify & address policy and funding barriers and sustainability issues*
- *Enhanced employment services to the target population*

Coordinated Efforts to address system gaps

- *Increase integration and coordination of existing services*
- *Expand the role of young adults as service providers and advocates*
- *Expand the role of youth in governance, service provision, and evaluation*
- *Develop specific outcome objectives on the policy level*
- *Institute a long term outcome evaluation*

Evaluation & Performance Plan

- *Integrated Management Information (IMIS) System*
- *Regional Research Institute for Human Services at Portland State University (RRI) will provide:*
 - *Data support for the strategic planning process*
 - *Process evaluation*
 - *Design of outcome evaluation*

Governance & Oversight

Community of Care Advisory Council

Subcommittees:

- *Family Action Committee*
- *Resource Management Committee*
- *Partnerships for Youth Transition*

Steering Committee

Membership includes :

- *Youth/young adults*
- *Parents*
- *Representatives of key participating agencies*

Steering Committee Responsibilities

- *Facilitate & oversee youth development & parent outreach activities.*
- *Identify training needs & trainers.*
- *Coordinate activities with evaluation & planning staff.*
- *Analyze the continuum of care, identify gaps, and develop strategies for filling those gaps.*

Steering Committee Responsibilities

- *Develop outcome benchmark recommendations for the Advisory Council.*
- *Design participant screening, assessment, care coordination mechanisms.*
- *Negotiate interagency referral, treatment, and sanction protocols.*

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- *Develop informed consent standards and documents, confidentiality protections.*
- *Identify standardized validated screening and assessment tools and obtain cross-agency agreements for use of these tools.*
- *Analyze fiscal needs and develop funding strategies for program enhancement/sustainability.*

Accomplishments To Date/Based on Year 1 Timelines

- *Project Coordinator assigned 10/02.*
- *Celebration with community members who signed Memorandum of Understanding in support of the grant.*
- *Steering committee established.*
- *Three of four consultant contracts have been established.*
- *Provider contracts are being drafted.*

Accomplishments (cont.)

- *Clark County's new MIS system will be fully operational as of 7-1-03.*
- *The Steering Committee meets on a monthly basis and work is documented through meeting minutes.*
- *The evaluation team presented existing System of Care data collected over the last 3-4 years to the Steering Committee.*
- *Dr. Rusty Clark presented the "Navigating Rough Waters" workshop to the community on 1/13/03.*

Accomplishments (cont.)

- *Steering committee spent a day with Dr. Clark and Nicole in a work session to introduce NTAC, review SAMHSA expectations, identify training/TA needs, discuss the first full draft of the logic model, and review the work plan for Year 1.*
- *Focus groups with youth and family members were held between 4/3-10/03 to collect information on what works as well as barriers and solutions.*

Accomplishments (cont.)

- *A provider survey and process has been completed to collect additional information on what works as well as barriers and solutions.*
- *The Strategic Planning process, facilitated by John Franz, occurred May 6-8, 2003.*
- *A written Action Plan will be available for review by May 30, 2003.*